


REMARKS

Claims 13-23 are now presented for examination, of which Claims 13 and 18 are in independent form. Claims 1-12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 13-23, which correspond to Claims 1-10 of the Japanese counterpart, have been added to assure Applicant of a full measure of protection of the scope to which they deem themselves entitled.

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